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OFFICE OF THE DD/I

NOTE FOR: Chief, SALT Support Staff

FROM : Ed Proctor *EW*

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Please prepare a joint reply for you and me
to [REDACTED] My thoughts on the matter are:

If Nitze's facts are wrong, I believe that he should be informed of the true facts. Rather than send him a letter, I suggest that a blind memo be prepared comparing what he says about Soviet intelligence presence, etc., and what the facts are as best we know them. This blind and hopefully unclassified memorandum should be handed to Nitze by someone who could discuss the differences with some authority [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If this is not possible, then Howie should do it.

You will note that I started my remarks with the conditional phrase, "If Nitze's facts are wrong." There is the possibility that the CRS data on which Howie is depending are not complete because CRS did not have access to all the data due to the sensitivity of the sources of other data bearing on the subject. Therefore, I strongly recommend that before we decide whether and how to approach Nitze we turn the problem over to the DDO and ask that a complete check be made of all files and components which might contribute to being definitive about the facts.

I am sending a copy of this and the material from [REDACTED] to Bill Nelson for advice and action if appropriate.

ACTION